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The Menace Grows

Thanks to the multitudinous blunderings of the Trumanites, and their unconscionable eagerness to play politics with any phase of our existence, including national security, the Russian menace is becoming more serious. As a consequence of the Trumanites' tragic errors, and their dangerous policy of appeasement, a monumental problem will face Dwight D. Eisenhower when he assumes the office of President next January. It is too much to hope that the Democrats will improve conditions in the meanwhile.

If you were unable to concentrate your attention on important international developments recently because of the high-compression oratory of office seekers, and the cheap whistle-stop utterances of our peerless leader, perhaps these facts will help you to get a better picture of one aspect of the international situation:

First, the idea, which was hopefully held some time ago in various quarters, that the Soviet Union wished to come to some sort of reasonable terms with the United States, no longer has credence. It is clear that the only terms in which the outlaws in the Kremlin are interested are those which would work 100 per cent to Russia's advantage. In his last major speech, before the U. S. General Assembly, Comrade Vyshinsky followed the standard Soviet line for more than an hour, accusing this country of practically every crime known to man, including the germ warfare charge, and the assertion that the Korean war was being deliberately prolonged so as to profit American billionaires who lust for blood money.

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Secondly, current Soviet strategy has as its basic aims the splitting of the Western powers, to be followed ultimately by the isolation of the U. S. This certainly isn't a new technique, but the work is being intensified. Soviet officials are being very polite these days to certain of the Western nations—particularly those in which there are substantial anti-American blocs, and in which the governments are something less than stalwart in their allegiances to Greasy Joe. Stalin's mouthpieces are trying hard to sell the idea that Russia has no designs on these nations, and wants to be friends.

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Third, Russia is going all out to strengthen and harden Red agents and sympathizers in the Western countries, with special emphasis on the U. S. The American Communist Party has in large part gone underground. It is reported that membership requirements have been greatly stiffened. No weak sisters are wanted. It is also reported that Russia's system of schooling her foreign agents is really in high gear. The curriculum is extensive, including everything from propaganda technique to efficient methods of sabotaging industrial plants, power and rail systems, and other key installations.

Fourth, the problem of what to do about Communists in our government is more crucial than ever. The testimony of General W. Bedell Smith, head of our top intelligence agency, in this regard is most revealing. General Smith, an extremely able officer who was one of Eisenhower's top assistants during World War II and afterwards was ambassador to Russia, said that Communists had wormed their way into important places in his agency and elsewhere. Also revealing is the charge of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee that American Communists have gained influential positions in the United Nations Secretariat.

Last, but certainly not least, it is clear that we are now as far from a Korean truce as ever and that the Kremlin will do everything possible to keep it going and to force us to sacrifice our material resources and manpower in increasing quantities.

It certainly isn't a pleasant picture to contemplate. But there is one bit of comfort. We soon will have in the White House a man who will demand that our government be deloused of all Communists and other radicals, and who will do his utmost to deflate the Russian threat without inviting another world war, and without sullyng our honor.